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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

#### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

> WASHINGTON, DC, July 12, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on

> J. DENNIS HASTERT, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

#### PRAYER

The Reverend Michael Jackson, Pastor, New Life Assembly of God, Janesville, Wisconsin, offered the following prayer:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. We need You here, today, now. Help us, we pray. Confer upon us Your wisdom; grant to us Your favor.

Lord, those who serve in this esteemed Chamber are people created by You to be extensions of You. Touch their bodies. Give them Your strength. Be with their families as well as their constituents. Grant to them Your peace, O God.

Their job is not easy. The weight of their many responsibilities has to weigh heavily upon them. Help them to run and not be weary; to walk and not faint. May the pressures of the day squeeze grace and goodness out of them. May the challenges of the day wring patience and humility out of them. Theirs is a noble task; may they be noble as they carry it out.

In the name of Jesus my Lord, Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. RYAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 427. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1509. An act to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to add non-human primates to the definition of prohibited wildlife

S. 2041. An act to provide for the conveyance of a United States Fish and Wildlife Service administrative site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada.

S. 2430. An act to amend the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990 to provide for implementation of recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service contained in the Great Lakes Fishery Resources Restoration Study.

S. 2918. An act to provide access to newspapers for blind or other persons with disabilities.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1295b(h) of title 46, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Merchant Marine Academy:

The Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT), from the Committee on Commerce. Science, and Transportation.

The Senator from Hawaii INOUYE), from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### WELCOMING REVEREND MICHAEL JACKSON

(Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to honor and welcome Pastor Michael Jackson here today as our guest chaplain. He has come all the way from my hometown of Janesville, Wisconsin, to lead us in prayer today, and we are blessed to have his guidance as we begin our legislative day.

Since November of 1999. Pastor Jackson has served as the senior pastor of New Life Assembly of God in Janesville, Wisconsin, and he has used his many talents to reach out to our entire community and help more and more people open their hearts to the Lord's grace.

While the church itself has grown and produced offshoots throughout nearby communities, as well as New Life Hispanic Church and the Korean Fellowship in Janesville, Pastor Jackson has not only served as a leader of a thriving church body, he has been a leader throughout our whole entire

Just one example of this is the annual Freedom Fest Patriotic Rally that the New Life Assembly of God has during the 4th of July. My wife and our kids enjoy this every single year. It is

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